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SUBJ: CHILEAN DETAINEES TO MEXICO

1. IN REGULAR FRIDAY PRESS CONFERENCE JAN 3, UNDERSEC FOREIGN AFFAIRS COLLADOS SAID MINISTRY HAD HANDED OVER NOTES TO AMBASSADORS IN CHILE OF VENEZUELA AND BRAZIL (IN ABSENCE OF CHILEAN-MEXICAN RELATIONS, THOSE TWO COUNTRIES REPRESENT INTERESTS), THUS "MAKING OFFICIAL" GOC DECISION ANNOUNCED IN PRESIDENT PINOCHET'S NEW YEARS EVE SPEECH THAT IF GOM IS WILLING TO RECEIVE THEM IN MEXICO CITY, UP TO 200 DETAINEES UNDER GOC STATE OF SIEGE STATUS WILL BE SENT THERE "AT NO COST" TO MEXICO. COLLADOS SAID THE 200 PERSONS ARE "NOT NECESSARILY" THE SAME AS THOSE NAMED IN LISTS OF DETAINEES ALREADY GIVEN TO INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE ORGANIZATIONS AS ELIGIBLE FOR RELEASE INTO EXILE. IN REPLY TO QUESTION COLLADOS SAID HE UNDERSTOOD LIST INCLUDES "SOME PERSONAGES THAT IN SOME WAY ARE OF INTEREST" TO GOM.

2. COMMENT: SANTIAGO PRESS HAS CARRIED REPORTS FROM MEXICO TO EFFECT THAT GOM KNEW NOTHING OF PINOCHET OFFER OTHER THAN WHAT IT HAD SEEN IN PAPERS.

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3. PERSON DETAINED WHO MAY BE OF MOST INTEREST TO GOM IS LAURA

ALLENDE, SISTER OF LATE PRESIDENT. FROM A REMARK MADE TO THE AMBASSADOR BY PRESIDENT PINOCHET JAN 3, WE GATHER SHE IS ON THE LIST. AS SUCH, SHE PRESUMABLY IS BEING USED AS BAIT, TO ENSURE THAT MEXICO TAKES ALL 200; GOC WANTS TO GET RID OF THESE PEOPLE. HER INCLUSION, HOWEVER, IS ALSO INDICATION OF GROWING SENSITIVITY OF GOC LEADERS TO THEIR IMAGE PROBLEM.
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